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CAIRO STUDENTS BATTLE POLICE

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

University students battled police yesterday during a street demonstration protesting the government crackdown on dissident circles in the universities.

Police used tear gas and water hoses to disperse the students blocking the central square near Cairo University. Other students fought with police, who used several batons to clear the square of youths. At the last night, there had been reports on the number of students injured in the clashes.

Students distributed leaflets demanding an end to political repression and the release of over 100 students arrested during January disturbances at Egyptian universities. They also asked that those arrested from the universities be released.

Students who have been protesting on putting up wall newspapers, adopted a unique new style of protest — carrying their newspapers to their clothing.

They also carried messages on roadways inside the campus. Many of the students were calling

Sidky: Road to peaceful settlement blocked

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egyptian Premier Anwar Sadat yesterday said that the road to a peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis was completely blocked unless the Arabs surrendered to Israel's terms.

In a speech to parliament before he presented Egypt's war budget, Sadat said that Israel's terms for a Middle East settlement "mean surrender and we do not accept surrender. We shall not give up one inch of our land or any of our rights."

He said that "the explosive situation" has compelled Egypt to mobilize its economic resources for the next battle with Israel. But the budget he presented was kept secret.

Cairo Radio quoted Sadat as saying that the budget covered the increasing requirements of the armed forces; the national defense; and any situation that may emerge from a future military confrontation.

Sadat's statement was not thought to indicate that Cairo is seriously planning for war. Rather, it was seen as a move to create a state of emergency which would enable President Anwar Sadat to tighten his grip in the face of mounting dissension in Egypt.

Sadat meets chief of Soviet military group

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday conferred with the chief of the Soviet military delegation now in Cairo, the Middle East News Agency reported last night. The report did not name the Soviet officer but did explain the nature of the meeting except to say that it was a working session.

Sadat's War Minister, General Ahmed Ismail, also attended.

The Soviet military delegation arrived in Cairo on February 11 and greeted at the airport only by Soviet ambassador in Cairo, Vladimir Vinogradov.

The delegation is the first to visit since President Anwar Sadat's son of the Russians last July, yesterday's meeting with Sadat, red one day after Egypt's Press Adviser on National Security, Hafiz Ismail, returned a four-day conference in Moscow. A joint communiqué issued at the visit stressed the Soviet support for Egypt in political, economic and military development, and for Cairo's rejection of settlements to the Middle East crisis.

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent added: The meeting between Ismail and

Cairo wants a Kissinger in Mid-East

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Egypt has recently indicated that it would like Professor Henry Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser, to take up the problem of the Middle East after his success in ending the Vietnam war.

Officials in Jerusalem said yesterday that this suggestion had been made by Egyptian diplomats — but had immediately been hedged by the observation that Prof. Kissinger would doubtless be occupied for many months with the aftermath of the Vietnam war.

KISSINGER, HANOI MEN TALK 6 HRS.

SAN CLEMENTE, California (Reuter). — Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger met North Vietnamese Government officials for six hours yesterday for a second round of talks on American postwar relations with North Vietnam, the White House said.

Presidential spokesman Ronald Ziegler said, "The atmosphere of the meetings has been cordial."

He said Mr. Kissinger had two meetings yesterday, one in the morning, and one in the afternoon. Both lasted three hours.

The North Vietnamese delegation included Prime Minister Pham Van Dong and Le Duc Tho, who negotiated the Vietnam agreement signed three weeks ago. Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh and his deputy, Nguyen Co Thach, also attended the meetings.

The other American at the talks was William Sullivan, an Assistant Secretary of State and top expert on Far Eastern affairs.

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EUROPE DISCUSSES MONEY REALIGNMENT

Main foreign money markets close today

The world's major foreign exchange markets will be closed today as banking experts in capitals across the world decide on moves to curb the currency crisis.

In Basel, Switzerland, Western central bankers met for the monthly meeting of the Bank for International Settlements, but maintained rigorous secrecy about their plans. Informal sources said they were working on details of a multilateral currency realignment.

The British, French, West German, Belgian, Italian and Japanese markets are among those that will be shut today to protect them against speculation while their governments tackle the currency crisis. Because of Lincoln's Birthday, a public holiday in the U.S., the New York market will also be closed.

(A Bank of Israel official told The Jerusalem Post last night the Bank will permit Israeli banks to trade in foreign currency today only if rates are available from Europe, that is, if some of the exchanges remain open. This will be known only by 10 a.m. However, trade in dollars and banknotes will not be affected, and tourists and Israelis traveling abroad will be able to exchange funds as usual.)

Informal sources said the Friday meeting in Paris between the French, British and West German finance ministers ended with only a small measure of agreement, although it was apparently decided that if one government closed its foreign exchange market, the other two would follow suit.

After the initial announcements of the closure of European money markets, other countries began to take similar action late last night. Greece and Italy were two of the countries which announced they would close their markets at about midnight Israel time.

But even then, West Germany had not yet officially announced the closure of its foreign exchange market. Dr. Oskar Emminger, vice-president of the West German Federal Bank, said he had been misquoted as having said that the market would be closed today. But he declined to say whether the market would open or not.

Meanwhile, Paul Volcker, U.S. Treasury Under-Secretary for Monetary Affairs, was believed in his discussions in various European capitals over the weekend to have strongly urged a currency realignment. He also mentioned the possibility of a U.S. import surcharge, the sources said.

In Basel, Mr. Volcker's European visit prompted speculation that Washington was pressing for a negotiated dollar devaluation against other currencies.

The meetings Mr. Volcker is holding have been kept under tight wraps. When he met with French Finance Minister Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, Mr. Volcker even used a side door to leave the Ministry, a French reporter said. Yesterday, Mr. Volcker flew to Rome, and immediately began talks at the airport with Italian Treasury Minister Giovanni Malagodi. The two then flew back to Paris.

A special adviser to the Japanese Finance Minister was on his way from Tokyo to Bonn yesterday to begin a fact-finding mission on the crisis. The official, Takashi Horiuchi, is expected to visit Paris to take part in any meeting which might be called with monetary officials from the U.S., West Germany, Britain and France.

After a long day of discussions, Bonn finally decided last night that the Frankfurt exchange would be closed today, sources said. But they said Bonn was continuing to contact other governments on ways to solve the crisis in which speculators, betting on a mark or a Japanese yen revaluation, have dumped \$10,000,000 on exchanges worldwide in two weeks.

Closing the official market does not prevent commercial banks from trading among themselves in foreign exchange or quoting exchange rates, but relieves the central bank from its obligation to buy dollars to support the U.S. currency at its official floor rate.

The effect of the decision is to let the mark float, allowing it to find its own price against the dollar and other currencies without the central bank intervening.

Financial circles expected the mark would float upwards against the dollar in unofficial bank-to-bank trading today.

The markets will only re-open when the mark and other currencies are given a new fixed rate against the dollar or are officially allowed to float, the sources said.

Elsewhere in Europe there was no decision to close markets for a cooling-off period. Trading centres in Vienna, Stockholm and Madrid will open as usual, financial officials and sources said.

(Reuter, AP, UPI)

RATE OF ISRAEL POUND WON'T CHANGE - SANBAR

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The dollar exchange rate of the Israel pound will remain unchanged, no matter what happens to other currencies. "Our currency is strong, and no change is needed," Moshe Sanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel, stated over Israel Radio last night.

Sources in the Bank stressed yesterday that capital has been flowing into, and not out of, the country. Foreign exchange reserves are rising, they added.

Agitation in foreign exchange markets is more a speculators' fuss than a real crisis, according to Dov Genachowski, the Bank of Israel's expert on currency problems. A strong imbalance has developed between the dollar on the one hand, of which there is a glut in world markets (owing to trade deficits over a number of years), and the Deutschmark and the yen on the other. These two currencies are in demand because the respective governments have made them scarce, by building up an export surplus. (Last year Japan had a surplus in its balance of payments of \$10,000m., and West Germany close to \$7,000m.)

It is not clear why the rush to get rid of dollars should be taking place precisely now. Rumours of

Adiv admits he passed on information to the enemy

Jerusalem Post Staff
HAIFA. — Ex-Idibbutnik Ehud Adiv, the former paratrooper and leftist who is the main Jewish defendant in the Arab-Jewish Syrian spy ring trial, confessed yesterday morning to passing information likely to aid the enemy on visits to Syria and Greece.

But the handsome former Haifa University philosophy student, appearing in the heavily guarded District Court here with the five other principal defendants at the opening session of their espionage trial, denied charges he had passed the information with intent to harm the State. The six defendants — two Jews and four Arabs — in Israel's biggest spy trial also denied charges they belonged to a Syrian ring bent on overthrowing the government.

The surprise admission, expected to shorten matters when the trial proper gets underway on February 25, came at an opening session which lasted only 22 minutes. The three judges — Emanuel Shalom (presiding), Abraham Friedman and Mrs. Luba Fortuna — registered all six defendants as pleading not guilty. But the lawyers for three alleged ringleaders David Turid, 45, Arab student leader Simon Hadad, 34, and the second Jewish defendant, 28-year-old mathematics teacher Dan Vered — indicated that the not-guilty pleas were only technical and that their clients would admit to certain acts later in the trial.

Defendant Anis Karawi, 23, admitted through his attorney to some minor details in the indictment. Subhi Na'arani denied all the facts and charges.

The defense lawyers indicated that they were bargaining to get their clients off with relatively light sentences by avoiding the main charge of "espionage and sabotage with an intent to overthrow the government," which can bring life imprisonment or even death.

Attorney Israel Inbar, whose client Simon Hadad had until his arrest been in charge of Arab student affairs at Haifa University, told the court: "I'm now negotiating on various levels and may enter a plea admitting some of the counts on February 25."

As the six defendants looked on impassively, Adiv's lawyer, Itamar Cohen, submitted a written deposition admitting that his 28-year-old client had visited Syria twice, in 1971 and 1972, met alleged Syrian master spy Ehab Kahwaji in Greece and passed on to him secret information.

"During his stay in Greece with Kahwaji (an ex-Haifa man who left Israel in 1968 after serving time for espionage), and subsequently in Syria... the defendant knowingly gave him information likely to be of use to the enemy," Adiv's deposition said.

Adiv in his three-page statement admitted he had spent a total of 10 days in Syria, received training there, and written a 15-page paper on Israeli political and economic conditions. He said he had passed through Lebanon on his way back from Syria and had been given back his Israeli passport when he returned to Greece.

However, Adiv rejected the part (Continued page 2, col. 2)



Ammunition crates, left, and box of hand grenades, with instructions in Russian, in bathroom of the Iraqi Embassy in Islamabad on Saturday.

'Iraqis smuggled weapons to rebel forces in Baluchistan'

ISLAMABAD (Reuter). — A right-wing politician from the Pakistani province of Baluchistan told President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto yesterday that Soviet-made arms seized in the Iraqi Embassy here yesterday were intended for distribution to rebels in the area.

The politician, Ghulam Qadir, a member of the Baluchistan Provincial Assembly, told a press conference some arms had already been distributed in Baluchistan with the connivance of the provincial government.

Baluchistan is the huge, sparsely populated province on Pakistan's western border with Iran, where Pakistani army units are operating against armed dissident tribesmen.

Mr. Qadir further charged that the Baluchistan government was training about 12,000 guerrillas under the name of Dehs Muhammads (Protectors of Villages) on the pattern of the Bangladesh Mukti Bahini.

Mr. Qadir who called on Mr. Bhutto in nearby Rawalpindi yesterday, is a member of the right-wing Moslem League which opposes the Baluchistan administration and supports President Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party in the central government.

He added that leaders of the pro-Moscow National Awami Party which opposes the P.P.P. but runs the local administrations in Baluchistan and the North-West Frontier.

The Iraqi Ambassador, Hikmat Sulaiman, declared persons *non grata* after the discovery of the arms cache, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry again yesterday.

Pakistani police entered the Iraqi Embassy on Saturday and seized 300 sub-machineguns, more than 60,000 rounds of ammunition, hand grenades and other equipment concealed in diplomatic bags.

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Hussein sees U.S. taking initiative

BHINGTON (Reuter). — King Hussein of Jordan said yesterday speed there would be a move to a peace settlement in the East soon and predicted that the U.S. would take an initiative.

He indicated that Israel would show willingness to come before any framework could be established for peace talks with Arabs.

King, who has had talks with President Nixon and other U.S. officials on a visit to Washington, was asked in a television interview (CBS, "Face the Nation") expected "imminent" moves.

He replied that the U.S. "will a bit of time to analyze the one of the various parties involved in the area, and then decide what should be done next" in cooperation with other powers or in any other way."

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Local postal rates up today

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The new domestic postal rates — approved two weeks ago by the Knesset Finance Committee — become effective today.

A postal card, until now costing 12 agorot, is now 15; a letter of up to 30 grams is now 20 agorot, up from 18; and printed matter now costs 18 agorot for the first 50 grams, instead of 15.

New international postal rates will go into effect on March 1.

Seven boys confess to school arson

PARIS (UPI). — Seven teenagers confessed they set fire to a junior high school, where 22 pupils and a teacher perished in the flames last week, police sources revealed yesterday.

One of the boys, under 15, said he sought revenge against teachers who punished him several times, police said.

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ARAFAT SEES ASSAD

DAMASCUS (UPI). — President Hafez Assad conferred for two hours yesterday with Patah chief Yasser Arafat.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy. Weather synopsis: Ridge from East Turkey to East Mediterranean causing southeasterly flow of dry air over region.

Location	Today's Forecast	Temperature
Jerusalem	Partly cloudy	18-24
Tel Aviv	Partly cloudy	20-26
Nahariya	Partly cloudy	18-24
Safed	Partly cloudy	15-21
Haifa Port	Partly cloudy	18-24
Tiberias	Partly cloudy	15-21
Nazareth	Partly cloudy	15-21
Afula	Partly cloudy	15-21
Shomron	Partly cloudy	15-21
Tel Aviv	Partly cloudy	20-26
Lod Airport	Partly cloudy	20-26
Jericho	Partly cloudy	15-21
Gaza	Partly cloudy	15-21
Beer Sheva	Partly cloudy	15-21
Dimona	Partly cloudy	15-21
Tiran Straits	Partly cloudy	15-21

Jerusalem's Rubin Academy of Music will celebrate its 25th anniversary tonight at the Jerusalem Theatre with Prime Minister Golda Meir in attendance.

The Turkish Consul-General in Jerusalem and Mrs. Baki Kizilbay gave a farewell reception at their home in Tel Aviv Saturday evening for the U.S. Consul and Mrs. John Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler is leaving at the end of this week for Qatar where he has been appointed Charge d'Affaires.

Among the guests were members of the Consular Corps in Jerusalem, senior Foreign Ministry officials, and Mr. Amin Shihadeh and Mr. Fouad Shihadeh of Ramallah.

Mr. and Mrs. Yehoshua Tsour gave a reception at their home in Jerusalem Saturday night for Mrs. Rose Khatib, national president of the American Jewish Community in Tel Aviv, and other American leaders here to attend the meetings of the Jewish Agency Assembly and the Zionist General Council.

Mr. Rudolf Krummelt, a Tel Aviv-based German journalist, received 70th birthday greetings on Friday from West German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel. Mr. Krummelt, who spent 22 years in Nazi concentration camps, was postwar editor of the Hamburg daily "Die Welt". He has covered Israel for many years for the German press and radio and has settled permanently in Tel Aviv.

An exhibition on Sigmund Freud's life and work, arranged by the Goethe Institute, Munich, will open at the Central Library of Tel Aviv University this morning at 11:00 a.m.

A meeting of Beal Brith's English-speaking Paula Ben-Gurion and Prof. A. Katur Lodge will be held at 8:30 p.m. this evening at the Beal Brith Building, 10 Rehov Kaplan, Tel Aviv.

ARRIVALS

Lord Janor of Leicester, President of the British Zionist Federation, to participate in the meetings of the Zionist General Council.

Rabbis unite 'against Goren'

Some 200 rabbis and dayanim (religious court judges) have founded an organization of rabbis (Agudat Rabbanim) which is to protect the independence of the rabbinate from external pressures. The founding meeting was held in Tel Aviv last Thursday and was attended by Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and the Supreme Rabbinical Court, as well as by rabbis and dayanim from all over the country.

Although the name of Chief Rabbi Goren and current disputes surrounding him were carefully avoided by all speakers at the founding session, observers said the new organization had apparently come into being as a result of rabbi objections to Rabbi Goren's actions.

One of the articles of association of the new organization reads: "This assembly protects and defends against the false accusations leveled at rabbis and dayanim that they lay down halachic law with cruelty and hard-heartedness." Another article expressed solidarity with the principals of the country's yeshivot (who have come under attack from Rabbi Goren recently).

Meanwhile, Rabbi Goren said a "convergence alliance" opened by the Rabbanim and the Jewish Agency in Tel Aviv last year is currently preparing 40 new immigrants for conversion to Judaism. He was speaking to high schoolers in Kiryat Motzkin yesterday.

Rate won't change

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most automatically be up-valued; if they fall below a certain level, the currency has automatically to be down-valued.

Under such an arrangement the dollar might be pushed down a peg or two (depending on how reserves are calculated) and the two scarce currencies might simultaneously be pushed up a peg or two — with no hard feelings. Under the present situation, each side feels strong and refuses to act, expecting the other side to do the adjusting.

Not surprisingly, outside countries are not greatly affected. Talk of devaluing the pound sterling only refers to nailing down its present floating rate as a fixed parity. If there should be any movement in exchange rates, it can only be one that makes the mark and the yen more expensive in dollar terms. As the Israeli pound sags with the dollar, Israel's balance of trade must benefit (since exports would become more profitable and imports costlier). But such changes are not on the cards right now, Mr. Genachowski thinks.

More likely are administrative measures to control currency movements. Japan has adopted a deficit budget for the coming year in order to swell consumption and cause a

Passed information — Adiv

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of the indictment charging that he had given the Syrians information on Israeli weapons, commanders, airfields, radar stations, troop deployments and reconnaissance operations.

Adiv admitted having "political discussions" with Turid, the Haifa bookshop owner accused of organizing the ring in Israel in 1968. During the discussions, connected with Turki's "political organization" (which the prosecution accuses of conspiring to overthrow the Government), Turki proposed that Adiv go to Greece to meet "a man with similar left-wing political opinions."

Adiv later flew to Greece and then Syria, where he met Habib Kahwaji, the ring's alleged chief.

Adiv also admitted knowing that Kahwaji had been a member of a terrorist organization.

Turki, handcuffed to another of the suspects, sat smiling on the defendants' black bench as his lawyer said he expected to admit "some of the facts" in the charges when the trial resumes on February 25.

Attorney Y. Hagler said he was unable to do so yesterday "for purely technical reasons," because he needed "at least ten hours" to discuss the material with his client and had received permission only last week.

Dan Vered's attorney told the court that Vered had prepared 20 pages of written instructions for him in Ramat Hashikma but that these had been confiscated by the warden. He called the confiscation a violation of his right of communication and asked the court to order the material handed over to him. Meanwhile, he said, he was unable to enter a plea until the next session.

Judge Sloim entered this as a denial of the charges.

Anis Karawi admitted through his lawyer to attending a meeting of the extreme left Matpen group as charged and to meeting defendant Subli Na'arani on various occasions, but rejected all the other charges.

Na'arani rejected all counts in the indictment.

Following the plea, Judge Sloim announced that the trial hearings would be held three days a

week, mornings and afternoons if necessary, in order to complete the case. "This is not the kind of case that should be dragged out," he declared.

Yesterday's hearing, which was to have been devoted to the reading of the indictments and the minutes, was interrupted by only 22 minutes after the attorneys all waived their clients' right to have the indictment read in court. A large crowd had gathered outside the fenced-off court house, guarded by police, civil defense men and security agents, from early in the morning.

The defendants arrived at the court house at 8:30 and were taken into the courtroom via a back entrance and a special passage cleared through the court archives room, handcuffed in pairs and escorted by armed constables and plainclothes men. The escort was in constant two-way radio contact with headquarters.

The six men, looking neat, clean-shaven and with fresh hair cuts, had their handcuffs removed when they were seated in the prisoners' dock. They appeared much less at ease than during their first appearance in court last month when they were brought to have their remand extended until the completion of the trial. Last month's smiles and grimaces to the cameras were absent yesterday morning. The courtroom was only half full, with only newsmen and relatives with special passes attending. Israeli, American and European TV cameras mounted on a raised platform covered the proceedings, which were also recorded by Israel Broadcasting and relayed over closed-circuit TV to a nearby hall where more newsmen and local and foreign relatives of the defendants followed the session.

Before the trial started an anonymous telephone call threatened to blow up the court house. The threat, which was not taken very seriously, turned out to be a false alarm.

The defendants held last minute consultations with their lawyers during the 15 minutes before the judges entered at 8:47 a.m., with Adiv confirming his admissions. The defense attorneys had been negotiating with the District Attorney's office right up to the start of the session.

'New cell' in Golan spy ring

TIBERIAS — Three Druse villagers from Ma'ada, in the northern Golan Heights, were arrested by security forces Saturday night on suspicion of belonging to yet another cell in the pro-Syrian spy ring.

This brings to more than 30 the number of suspects arrested. The others were arrested in Majdal Shams and Bu'ata.

The suspects, police claim, passed highly secret information to Syrian intelligence. This includes details of army camps and outposts in the Golan, complete with descriptions of the strength of buildings and the numbers of troops.

Rosh Ha'ayin parents win school fight

ROSH HA'AYIN — The parents committee of the Rogosin comprehensive religious school began a hunger strike at the Western Wall yesterday — but ended it upon being promised the Education Ministry will respond to their demands.

Arner Yisraeli, special assistant to the Education Minister, promised he will personally come out here next week to see to it that construction of the school's second wing, adding 16 classrooms, begins immediately.

The parents of the schools 700 pupils have kept their children home for the past week, protesting the failure of their local council and the Education Ministry, for the past four years, to build the additional wing. More than a third of the pupils, they said, were being taught in sheds and shelters, and had no gymnasium, cafeteria or laboratories.

Dayan, B-G to attend State List convention

JERUSALEM — Defense Minister Dayan and David Ben-Gurion will attend the opening session of the national convention of the State List party, slated for next Tuesday in Jerusalem — Zalman Shoval, M.K., told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Mr. Ben-Gurion headed the State List Knesset list in the 1969 elections, but retired shortly afterwards. The party was formed by the minority in ex-Rafi who declined to follow Mr. Dayan into the Labour Party.

Bit of inflation — which will (blessedly) worsen its terms of trade.

Bonn has raised the liquidity ratio for banks by 20 per cent since last October, and will put it up by another 10 per cent in April. The government has imposed the "hardened" any German company borrowing abroad has to deposit a sum, equal to half the loan, in the Bundesbank for an unspecified period at zero interest. These and other measures are intended to slow down the dollar inflow and to mop up means of payments created by their mass conversion into German marks.

But as regards the actual accumulation of U.S. currency in their vaults, that causes no real distress to the German authorities. Informed sources say they probably invest some of the money in U.S. Government Bonds, to finance President Nixon's budget deficit.

Certain Israeli banks tried to avoid converting money for the public yesterday, because any transactions they make on a Sunday are reimbursed by the Bank of Israel only the following day — at Monday's exchange rates. But they had no right to deny their customers this service, sources in the central bank declared.

Panic buying cause of inflation — Bar-Lev

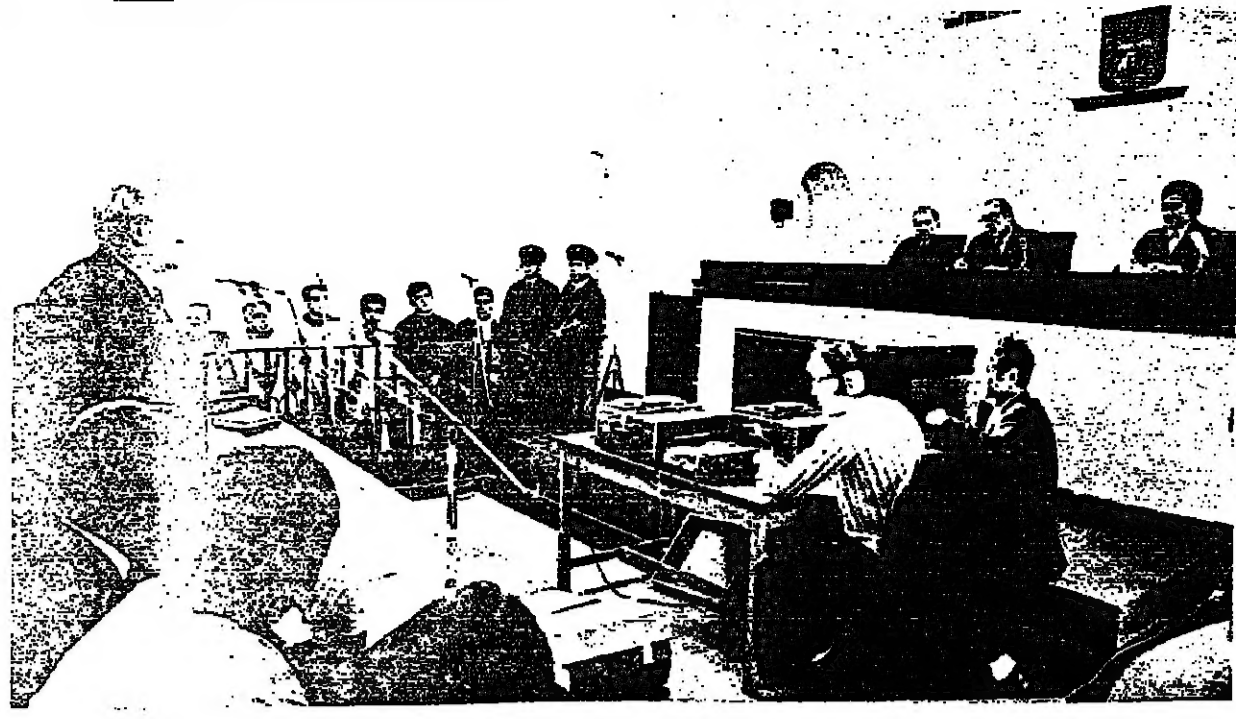
JERUSALEM — Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev said last night that panic buying, stemming from fear of inflation rather than genuine inflationary pressures, was boosting prices beyond justifiable levels.

Speaking to the Labour Party Economic Committee, Mr. Bar-Lev cautioned against taking hasty measures against inflation.

Tourist pioneer Yosef Greiver, dies, 63

TEL AVIV — Yosef Greiver, a pioneer of Israel's tourist industry, was buried in the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Greiver, who died during the week-end at the age of 63, was founder and head of the Palestine Travel Agency, which later became Patra. He started the company in the mid-thirties, shortly after he immigrated here from Poland.



SPY TRIAL — The scene yesterday as the trial of six alleged members of an Arab-Jewish spy ring for Syria got under way in the Haifa District Court. Standing at left is attorney Ya'acov Hagler, counsel for the ring's alleged Israeli-Arab chief Daoud Turki.

Jerusalem Municipality kills Government House building plan

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a dramatic reversal the Jerusalem Municipality Council last night defused the high-rise threat facing Government House Hill.

The Council, sitting as the Local Planning Committee, decided that building on the sensitive north slope would be permitted only in accordance with a legal outline plan for the area. Just two weeks before, the Council had been on the verge of approving a plan submitted by a private contractor, Abud Levi, for intensive development of the area.

Informed observers last night said the vote effectively killed the Levi proposal.

The Council chambers were filled to overflowing with spectators, mostly students and members of the Council for a Beautiful Israel, who opposed the Levi plan. When a student leader objected that people were being kept outside, Mayor Teddy Kolek explained that the chambers could hold no more. It was the largest turnout in recent memory.

Mr. Levi had proposed building 300 apartments, a 550-room hotel and commercial facilities on an 80-dunam tract he had purchased from Arabs on the northeast slope of the hill. The Local Planning Subcommittee had approved the proposal on the grounds that Arab land was being acquired by Jews without expropriation. The proposal was on the verge of being stamped.

The Outline Plan is for the Old City and environs, including the Government House slope. After this overall plan is approved by the District Planning Commission, the dunam tract he had purchased from Arabs on the northeast slope of the hill. The Local Planning Subcommittee had approved the proposal on the grounds that Arab land was being acquired by Jews without expropriation. The proposal was on the verge of being stamped.

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TV workers demand change in management

JERUSALEM — A general meeting of 204 television staff members yesterday called for a change in the management of Television House and of the Broadcasting Authority, and for the complete separation of radio and TV.

At the same time, the workers called on the Journalists Association to declare a labour dispute with the Broadcasting Authority.

The workers, representing all departments of television, issued three strongly worded resolutions presenting their views for what is apparently becoming a public discussion on what is wrong with Israel Television. They placed the blame squarely with the management.

In the resolutions, the workers: • Call on Minister of Education and Culture, Tzvi Gal, and on the plenum of the Broadcasting Authority to "form an efficient management of television and the Broadcasting Authority, in order to permit professional broadcasting standards and good working relations."

This move was passed by a vote of 193 to two, with nine abstentions. • Recommended the complete separation of radio and television, and asked the Authority to form separate administrations. On this there were 175 yes, 11 noes and 14 abstentions. Four other workers refused to take part in the vote.

• Asked the Government to review the structure of the Broadcasting Authority as soon as possible, and called the Government's attention to its promise for such a review, made four years ago. This was a reference to the Galil Committee, which set up Israel Television in 1968. There were 188 affirmative votes, one no and 15 abstentions on this section.

In a separate move, the workers asked the Journalists Association to declare a labour dispute over their demands to switch over to journalists' grades. They claim the management has now refused to sign an agreement it had already consented to last November. At that time, production and news workers refused to work overtime until they were granted journalists' grades, which they had been promised by an arbitrator in 1969. They were informed last week that the authority wants to make changes in the agreement.

The Journalists Association will meet on Wednesday to discuss the issue.

SOME 100 LANDLORDS demonstrated in front of the Prime Minister's Office yesterday against the Tenant Protection Law. The landlords circulated a petition to the Prime Minister, complaining the present laws "rob them of their property."

In deep sorrow we announce the untimely death of our beloved

EMANUEL PILZER
in New York.

The coffin will arrive at Lod Airport today, February 12, 1973, at 4 p.m., aboard El Al flight 16. The cortege is expected to arrive at Har Hamenuhot cemetery in Jerusalem at 6:30 p.m. The family will be sitting *shiva* both in Israel and in New York.

THE FAMILY

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dear

WALTER PERL
of Vienna

The funeral will leave tomorrow, Tuesday, February 13, 1973, at 1:30 p.m., from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv, for the Holon Cemetery.

**Judith Perl, wife
Dr. William Perl, brother
and the Family in the U.S.A. and Israel**

Justice Man mentioned for President

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV — Arye Eliaz, 43, formed the Labour Party yesterday that he intends proposing Supreme Court Justice Eliaz as the party's candidate for the next president in Israel.

In a letter which reached headquarters here from Eliaz (where Mr. Eliaz is heading a team of Israeli advisers to the Syrian government), he issued a warm recommendation of the man president of the Supreme Court, Yitzhak Olshan.

Mr. Eliaz wrote that "he that Eliaz has devoted all his talents and energy to law and justice, should be regarded as a disadvantage."

This is the first concrete proposal by any politician for nomination of the fourth President of Israel. President Shazar's term of office expires on May 1973. According to "Basic Law the President," nominations to the office must be made at least 90 days before the end of the incumbent's term.

(It is known that President Shazar is already packing up his library and getting ready to move to private quarters when his successor moves into the Presidential Residence.)

A factor in favour of Eliaz is his Sephardi origin. First three presidents were all Ashkenazi. This factor has brought some Labour Party members to raise the candidacy of Dr. Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Mordechai.

Another candidate mentioned Labour Party circles is T.N.Y. man Ya'acov Tsour, former ambassador to France and Argentina.

Non-partisan group for Yadin

JERUSALEM — A non-partisan group has formed here to work for election of Prof. Yigael Yadin, the next President of the State.

The group includes three Tel Aviv professors — I. Alpan, A. Ben-Zur and M. Porah — and Mr. Y. Ravidin, who is active in his rights affairs.

They stress their lack of affiliation. They believe the President should be chosen not for his background, but for what he brings to the post. They object to a candidate of Sephardi background simply for his origin.

Mrs. Ravidin told *The Jerusalem Post* they hoped to recruit support from all sections of population for the candidate proposed. Prof. Yadin, who is Israel's second Chief of Staff, has no recommendations on his list for the high office, she said.

FREE MATRICULATION examination classes for immigrant pupils are to be set up at all points where at least 15 candidates for the Absorption Ministry are expected.

Netanya man killed by truck

NETANYA — Local resident Daniel Levi, 72, died in hospital yesterday of injuries sustained when he was hit by a truck while crossing a Netanya street Saturday night at a marked pedestrian crossing.

Levi had been taken to Hadera's Hillel Yoffe Hospital, after the truck hit him as he was crossing at the intersection of Netanya's Sdeh Elayamin and Rehov Tchernichovsky. The driver, a 24-year-old Even Yehuda man, was held for questioning.

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ON THE THIRTIETH DAY AFTER THE DEATH OF MY DEAR WIFE

DORA LAMAS

there will be a Memorial Service and Unveiling of the Tombstone on February 13, 1973, at 3 p.m. in the Holon Cemetery.

We shall meet at the cemetery gate.

Dr. David Lamas, husband of the Family

We extend our condolences to the bereaved family on the untimely death of Deputy Managing Director and Representative of Bank Hapoalim, London,

H.T. (ATSI) REISNER

and shall always cherish his memory.

Japhet Bank Ltd.

Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, on the sudden death of the head of our company,

YOSEF GREIVER

We shall cherish his memory.

STAFF OF PATRA TRAVEL AGENCY

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Greiver Family, on the death of the head of the family, our friend,

YOSEF GREIVER

Morris Cassuto
Abraham Bar-Nir
Avi Cassuto

To Mrs. Jaffa Greiver and family,
our sincere condolences on the death of
YOSEF GREIVER
Julio and Raquel Blankleder

Alon denies he'd give piece of Old City to Jordan

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem Ministry spokesman today firmly denied a widely reported claim that Mr. Alon would consider giving some extrajurisdictional status to the Moslem Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. The spokesman, Denker, said Mr. Alon would never express such a view — which was, in fact, contrary to his opinion.

At a Cabinet meeting yesterday, Mr. Alon's report was discussed, and Prime Minister Golda Meir replied that Mr. Alon's statement was already denied. Mr. Alon himself is holidaying at a kibbutz, Ginosar. He did not attend yesterday's weekly Cabinet meeting.

Mr. Alon's statement, reported in "Ha'aretz" by Knesset Member Matti Golan, said Mr. Alon had recently told a circle of friends that he would be prepared to consider negotiating with Jordan on an extrajurisdictional status for the Moslem Quarter in the Old City. It was when all problems pertaining to the Old City had been agreed upon, Mr. Alon would even be prepared to make an arrangement.

such as a road on stilts — whereby Jordanians could enter the Moslem Quarter without passing through territory under Israeli sovereignty.

Mr. Alon's spokesman said the Minister would only countenance offering Jordan religious — not political — rights over the holy places of Islam in Jerusalem. Jordan might be offered these rights as the representative of the Moslem world.

In another official denial of an "Ha'aretz" article, the Prime Minister's Office late Saturday night issued a statement that Israel is ready to talk peace with Jordan at any time. The article had claimed Mrs. Meir believed that partial settlement with Egypt must precede any settlement with Jordan.

No new ideas on M-E peace from Hussein's U.S. visit

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Cabinet yesterday that, as far as he knew, no new ideas had been broached during King Hussein's visit to Washington last week. Mr. Eban said he was basing his assessment on published material from public appearances and on other information reaching his Ministry. He said neither the King nor the U.S. administration had changed their viewpoints on the Middle East conflict during the King's visit.

Mr. Eban also reported to the Cabinet on the forthcoming meeting in Jerusalem of the E.E.C.-Israel commission, which supervises the tariff agreement between Israel and the Common Market. Some 28 E.E.C. officials are due in Israel on Wednesday to take part in the six-day meeting with a similar number of Israeli officials.

Mr. Eban said the E.E.C. officials were bound to discuss prospects and problems connected with the new agreement which Israel and the Market were due to negotiate in the summer, to take effect next year.

The Foreign Minister also referred to Friday's resolution by the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, which called on Israel to withdraw and expressed solidarity with Egypt. He said this expression of solidarity had been expected in Jerusalem, and noted that a far more extreme resolution, canvassed by some Arab member-states had been rejected by the majority of O.A.U. members. This extreme draft would have congratulated those African states which broke diplomatic ties with Israel and encouraged other O.A.U. members to do likewise.

The Foreign Minister is due to visit several African states in May or June after the meeting of the O.A.U. heads of state in May. Mr. Eban had earlier planned to tour Africa in March, but he has decided to delay the tour until after the O.A.U. leaders have met.

OIL REFUTATION
The Cabinet yesterday began a study of the international oil production and marketing situation, which will eventually culminate in an analysis of its impact on the Middle East policies of the powers in general — and of the U.S. in particular.

Yesterday's session, however, was too short for anything more than a brief introduction by Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein, who gave ministers general details about the world's increasing oil requirements over the coming decade. He did not get down to Israel's specific situation.



The fourth anniversary of the death of former Premier Levi Eshkol was observed yesterday, with a memorial ceremony at the graveside, on Mt. Herzl. The service was attended by his widow, Miriam Eshkol; President Zalman Shazar; Premier Golda Meir; Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu; Cabinet ministers and Knesset members. Above, Mrs. Meir pauses at the grave. (Shashon Tzoref)

ENGINEERS' LABOUR DISPUTE Histadrut to endorse Meshel arbitration sight unseen

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut will endorse — sight unseen — whatever solution Yehoram Meshel comes up with in the dispute of the country's engineers, who threaten to strike on February 26 if their demands for a new wage schedule are not met by then.

Mr. Meshel was chosen a fortnight ago to arbitrate in the matter, but has meantime left for Brussels to attend the founding convention of the European Trade Union Federation. He is expected back this week.

The Central Committee of the Histadrut yesterday decided that it will be bound by Mr. Meshel's proposals, though they have not been published yet. (The employers in the dispute are the Civil Service Commission.)

If the Meshel ruling follows the proposal of re-grading suggested by Rehavia Ofek of the Trade Union

Department, there is a good chance the Engineers and Technicians Unions will accept it. The Ofek schedule sets IL1,650 as the basic wage in the top grade for engineers.

In another labour dispute, the Central Committee ruled yesterday that the Union of Graduates in Social Sciences and Humanities has no authority to call a general strike on February 26, as it has threatened. (The secretary of that union, Mordechai Gani, has disagreed. He says the union is within its rights, since he filed notice of the strike at the plenary meeting of the committee for the academicians — which is headed by Uriel Abrahamowitz, head of the Trade Union Department of the Histadrut.)

SA Moyal informed the Central Committee that a national labour contract in the ports is expected to be signed today, "barring something unforeseen."

Tel Aviv Fashion Week opens today at Hilton

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The ninth annual Tel Aviv Fashion Week opens this morning at 8.00 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel. More than 80 local fashion producers will display their collections in rooms on four floors of the hotel, as well as in a 10-booth boutique arcade set up in the ballroom foyer.

Five hundred buyers have booked in advance, according to Avraham Dax, Export Institute Director. First to arrive were 25 representatives of leading British stores, including Harrods and Marks and Spencer. More buyers were expected to arrive at Lod last night from Europe, the U.S., South America (for the first time), and Japan.

In addition to the visiting buyers, some 18 foreign journalists from leading daily papers, consumer fashion publications and the textile trade press are invited guests at Fashion Week. The Export Insti-

tute's overall budget for the event is IL180,000.

The textile industry's total output last year was more than IL2,000m., and ready-to-wear exports for 1972 reached \$77m. This was announced at a press conference yesterday by Menachem Zehavi of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. (Although the figures show a 10 per cent rise in exports, the actual rise was negligible due to rises in overhead and costs of raw materials, he said.)

Mr. Zehavi was asked whether the Government was considering increasing the rate of reimbursement in indirect taxes per export-earned dollar, in view of the current inflationary trends and the manufacturers' difficulties in competing on the export market. He replied that this problem did not affect only the textile industry, and that no final decision would be made before March.

Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev, at a recent meeting with textile industry representatives, indicated Government export subsidies might be increased. Meanwhile he counselled exporters to sell at the best prices obtainable in the present economic situation.

'Ironside' most popular show

Jerusalem Post Reporter
"Songs and Goals," broadcast each Saturday afternoon at 2.35, is the most popular radio programme in Israel, an official poll has shown. On television, the "Ironside" detective series leads.

These were among the findings made public at a press conference called by the Broadcasting Authority in Jerusalem yesterday on the ninth survey of radio listening and TV viewing habits in Israel. The survey, conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics, was based on studies made between October 1 and December 31, 1972.

According to the Bureau, the national radio and television audience remains the same as it was two years ago — approximately 86 per cent of the population.

Among regularly scheduled news broadcasts during the week, the 7 a.m. newscast grew most in popularity, attracting about 6 per cent more listeners than two years ago. Authority sources believe this is due to the "newscast" feature that was added to the news bulletin.

Manufacturers set policy on inflation talks

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
Mr. Mark Mosevics, head of the Manufacturers Association, told a meeting of the Presidium last night that the Prime Minister's committee on inflation has appointed three sub-committees. One is to deal with the elimination of excess means of payment, another with limiting price increases, and the third with planning wage, price and tax policies for the years 1974-75.

The Presidium decided to see the three sub-committees as a single complex. Any agreement by the employers to recommendations made in one committee shall be strictly conditional on the adoption of conclusions to which the employers agree in the other two committees as well.

Mr. Shimon Klagsbald was elected to succeed Mr. Haim Kamenetz as Chairman of the Association's Labour Committee.

DORA SCHWARZ PENSION SALE: Local council wins court case — but is ordered to pay costs

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Dora Schwarz, a former owner of the Zichron Ya'acov resort which now belongs to a German Christian group — lost her District Court case for a rebate of taxes she paid on the pension. But the local council — which technically won the case — was ordered to pay court costs. The judge rebuked the local council chief and ruled that his behaviour in cancelling Mrs. Schwarz's tax rebate had been less than exemplary.

The story began four years ago, when the elderly Mrs. Schwarz retired and put her well-known vegetarian pension up for sale. After looking unsuccessfully for a Jewish buyer for over a year, she finally sold the building and spacious grounds of the resort — for IL230,000 — to a group of German Christians led by Emma Berger.

But the sale of the property to the Berger group — often accused of being "missionaries" — provoked strong resentment. In order to block finalisation of the sale, Zichron Local Council chairman Ya'acov Levy cancelled a tax-clearance certificate which had already been issued to Mrs. Schwarz. (The certificate confirmed that Mrs. Schwarz had paid all the local taxes on the property and was a prerequisite for transferring the property in the Land Registry Office. Cancellation of the certificate thwarted the transfer at the last minute.)

When Mrs. Schwarz asked for a new taxes-paid certificate, she was told that her taxes were not paid. To back this up the council cancelled an IL5,000 tax rebate which had been granted Mrs. Schwarz a year earlier — and slapped on an additional charge of IL3,342 as a "fine" for delayed payment. (The IL2,000 exemption had been granted for a period in which the pension had been closed and had brought in no revenue. Now that Mrs. Schwarz was trying to sell the pension to the Berger group, the council decided she did have to pay it — with interest.)

Erased 'Jew' on I.D. card, fined IL100

HAIFA. — A crippled veteran of the War of Independence who scratched out the word "Jew" on his identity card was fined IL100 in the Magistrates' Court here on Friday. The man, Emanuel Yagil, 43, of Kiryat Blalik, said he had mutilated the card in a moment of anger over the Government's handling of the "Who's a Jew" issue.

The blank on the card came to light when Mr. Yagil's son was going through the pre-induction procedures for joining the army. Judge Nathan Kleinberger, said on Friday he was imposing the relatively low fine in view of Mr. Yagil's expressed regret for the act and his lack of a criminal record. But he added that any citizen angered by the decision on the "Who's a Jew" issue (which implicitly recognizes conversion by Reform rabbis) had legitimate means for venting his discontent. (Jtm)

In order to obtain the necessary certificate without further delay, Mrs. Schwarz offered to post a bank guarantee for IL25,000 that she would pay any tax arrears found due — but Mr. Levy refused.

Mrs. Schwarz, through attorney Rudolf Gottschalk, then applied to the High Court of Justice for an order nisi against the local council. According to the agreement reached in that court, she paid the council the IL14,842 it demanded as a condition for issuing the new certificate — but she was given the right to sue for a refund of the money.

In the District Court here a fortnight ago, Judge Leonard Rabbinowitz ruled that he could not ask the local council to refund the money — technically they had the right to demand, and keep, it. But the judge rebuked Mr. Levy for lying to Mrs. Schwarz — and to the Land Registry Office. (Mr. Levy had told Mrs. Schwarz he had to cancel the IL5,000 rebate because it had not been confirmed by the Ministry of the Interior. Then he told the Land Registry Office that a "mistake" had

been made in calculating the taxes due, and that was why he had to cancel the taxes-paid certificate which had already been issued.)

In fact, Mr. Levy had the right to cancel the rebate — but only because his own council had been guilty of an administrative impropriety. The rebate had been approved by a committee of the local council — whereas the law requires such a decision to be made by the whole plenum.

This being the case, Judge Rabbinowitz ruled, he had to reject Mrs. Schwarz's claim for a refund of her IL14,842. "But under the circumstances which have come to light I do not find it right to impose payment of court costs on the claimant. On the contrary, it is for the respondents to pay costs and lawyers' fees in the amount of IL1,000."

Dr. Gottschalk has said he will appeal the judgment in the Supreme Court. The local council, he said, should not benefit from its own manoeuvre to evade a claim it had itself approved.

GAZA MAN MURDERED

Jerusalem Post Reporter
GAZA. — The chairman of the Shati quarter's local committee, Habib Ismail al-Marbitt, 45, was murdered before dawn yesterday.

His body, with six bullets in it, was found by police at 7 a.m. in the Rimal quarter, just over a kilometre from his home. He was clad in pajamas.

El-Marbitt, according to the family, was called out of his house at 3.30 a.m. by "three or four men," armed with Kalashnikov sub-machineguns. When he failed to return, the family called the police.

A father of 10, al-Marbitt had been employed as a clerk in the Gaza Magistrate's Court until his election to the Shati committee in October. He had been active in community affairs and initiated a number of projects for municipal improvements in the quarter.

More than 4,000 persons attended al-Marbitt's funeral yesterday afternoon. Many of them expressed bitterness over the murder, which is believed to have been politically motivated. If this is the case, it would be the first political murder in the Gaza Strip since January 9, 1972.

Security forces are investigating, but no arrests have been made yet.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

LORD CARADON, former British Ambassador to the U.N., yesterday visited the former Mayor of Gaza, Rashad Shawwa, as guest of Unrwa. Lord Caradon spent 30 minutes with the former mayor and several other Gaza notables.

A IL10,000 FINE for failure to transfer employees' income-tax deductions was levied Friday on Ashkelon's Matkes textile firm. Ashkelon Magistrate Gilad Giladi also sentenced the firm's two owners, Mordechai Zsak and Baruch Adiri, to IL2,500 fines or six months in jail.

Onions may be imported from Jordan

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry is allowing onions to be imported from Jordan, it was learned yesterday.

Permission came after an appeal from the Jerusalem branch of the Israeli Commerce Federation, a retailers' organization. It said grocers in East Jerusalem were suffering from a shortage of the vegetable, which is a basic element in the Arab diet.

East Jerusalem produce dealers may apply for an import permit through the Military Government, and the Ministry has assured them there would be no surcharge on the imports.

U.S. journalists here on 9-day study tour

Jerusalem Post Reporter
LOD AIRPORT. — Twenty-six representatives of newspapers and radio and television stations throughout the U.S. arrived here last night by El Al for an intensive nine-day study tour. The group is headed by Frank Gervasi, the author and columnist.

During their stay, the participants will have question-and-answer sessions with government, army, religious and civic leaders. They will also meet with individual Israelis in their homes — Jews, Arabs, new immigrants and kibbutz members. The annual communications media study tour, now in its fourth year, is sponsored by the American Zionist Federation and conducted in Israel by the Organization and Information Department of the World Zionist Organization.

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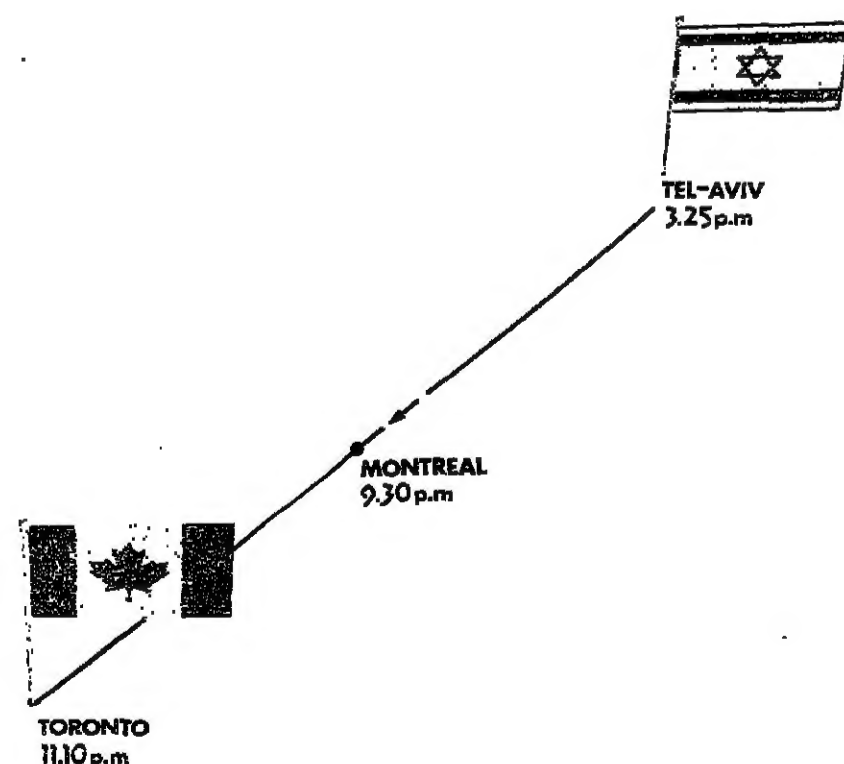
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653 KILLED — BUT ROAD DEATH RATE DROPS

Jerusalem Post Motoring Editor

A year the headquarters road safety set up within the Ministry 18 months ago its sessions to the Press. At its open meeting the chief headquarters, Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi, read minutes of the year 1972, which is its activities during 1972, though most of these activities were reported and publicized by took place in the course of the year, some highlights bear repetition and re-emphasis.

The salient feature of 1972 — achievement for the Safety Institute and other bodies — in promoting road safety — one observers has described as a slight decrease in the rate of traffic fatalities.

In 1972 ended with 653 killed on the roads. This is a rate of "only" 4.8 per cent, when 625 people lost lives. The "only" in quotation becomes understandable when recalled that the increase of deaths from 1971 over 1972 was 17.7 per cent. And even that 17.7 per cent constituted an improvement over 1970, when the increase was 20.5 per cent.

Figures for accidents show a trend. While last year's (1972) were an increase of 8.9 per cent over 1971, the rate of that year over 1970 was 9.5 per cent.

Number of injured rose 5.1 per cent in 1972 (a total of 22,080) over 1971. Mr. Ya'acobi pointed out, that the number of severely injured rose by less — only 3.5 per cent.

These figures have to be seen against the background of a per cent increase in drivers, a per cent increase in motor

vehicles last year, which in themselves would permit (statistically at least) a corresponding increase in accidents.

Mr. Ya'acobi said that if the present rate of increase in motor vehicles continues, there will be between 750,000 and 800,000 vehicles on the roads here by 1980. (Now there are — in round figures — 350,000 vehicles and 550,000 drivers moving on 10,000 kms. of road). He emphasized that the speed of the country's motorization has been fairly steady since the beginning of the 1960s. "The speed of this motorization has few precedents in the world," he said. He added that this fast transition becomes graphic when it is remembered that in 1951 there were 24 motor vehicles per 1,000 population, compared with over 100 in 1972.

Not alone

Mr. Ya'acobi also said that the accident situation in Israel is not much different from that in other countries with a similar level of motorization. He quoted other statistics, which look encouraging, such as they are.

In 1963 there were 96 accidents per 1,000 vehicles, in 1972 there were 49 per 1,000 — almost half the number of ten years ago.

In 1963 there were 4.9 accidents per million kilometers of travel, compared with 2 per million in 1972 — less than half.

In 1963 there were 4.5 accidents per 1,000 of population, against 4.8 in 1972 — a slight increase.

The damage to the economy caused by road accidents in 1972 has been estimated at IL400m.

Mr. Ya'acobi said that the Transport Ministry in 1972 invested about IL220m. on road construction,

improvements and safety measures (the budget for 1973-74 is IL312m.). These included work on 320 intersections which had been found particularly dangerous. Work on 150 has been completed, 110 are still being worked on, and 60 are being examined to determine what changes are needed.

Broken down into cities, the Ministry invested the following amounts (contributions by the cities in brackets): Tel Aviv, IL65m. IL7m. Jerusalem, IL13m. (IL6m.); Haifa, IL8m.; other municipalities, IL10m.

Mr. Ya'acobi stressed that "engineering solutions" as opposed to attempts to improve driver conduct, can easily be evaluated in "before and after" studies. Improving a dangerous section of road or supplying it with lighting can result in an immediate drastic drop in accidents, he said. Nevertheless, the Safety Headquarters has paid much attention to the education of drivers and pedestrians.

One of the most successful of these efforts was a competition between municipalities in which the town which had made the greatest safety effort could win up to IL30,000 — to be used for a further safety project. Two such competitions were completed towards the end of the year, and many other towns have expressed their interest in further competitions. Mr. Ya'acobi said.

The Tel Aviv safety patrol is another bright spot, and it is planned to make it a permanent institution, in the other big cities also. Service programmes in schools and on television are to be expanded, Mr. Ya'acobi said. He is making special efforts to get a better viewing time for the TV films.

Without fanfare

An issue that was neglected last year — but will be stressed this year — is the speedy removal of injured persons after accidents. It is planned to spend IL2m. for laying telephone cables along main roads so that ambulances can be summoned within minutes after an accident. The Army and Magen David Adom are to cooperate in organizing a special ambulance service for which tests are to start in April.

Summing up the year 1972, Mr. Ya'acobi said that it was the first year in which the various safety efforts began to dovetail and show results. He was guardedly hopeful of better results in 1973.

Mr. Ya'acobi stressed the part the Police, the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents, the Public Works Department, the Army, and the various Ministries play in the overall effort at increasing road safety.

The Transport Ministry's Road Safety Headquarters is a non-public body, composed of officials from the various Ministries, the Police, judiciary, Army, the National Safety Council and various research bodies. It is to be hoped that the "headquarters," which operates without much fanfare, will continue in its step-by-step advances against that stubborn enemy, the road accident, which so far has not been beaten by any country in the world.



The Tel Aviv Lions Club branch recently donated 164 rain capes to school children who took part in a campaign to teach safe walking to pedestrians. The capes are for use by the youngsters while on safety patrol duty near schools. In addition to offering protection against rain, the bright, light-reflecting capes are also visible from a great distance. (Left: Friedman)

Wearing of safety belts may become compulsory here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — About 60 to 70 per cent of the persons involved in bad road accidents can be saved from serious injury or death by using safety belts while driving, the Deputy Minister of Transport, Mr. Gad Ya'acobi, said yesterday.

"At present it is not compulsory to wear safety belts, but we are now weighing the possibility of making it so. It is compulsory for driving pupils and teachers to wear safety belts, and this month we have also made it obligatory for state employees using government cars."

Mr. Ya'acobi was speaking at the opening of a campaign to promote the use of safety belts. The campaign is being organized by the Ministry of Transport, the National

Road Safety Council and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Deputy Minister said that the Ministry of Transport was carrying out several programmes to increase road safety and lower the death toll on the roads.

The Ministry accepted a number of proposals recommended by a committee headed Prof. Arthur Stoffer of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the Technion. The proposals provided for a twin brakes system; collapsible steering wheels; external mirrors; and side blinkers. These accessories would be compulsory on the 1974 cars.

The Ministry was also looking into the possibility of making head rests on the front seats of cars obligatory in the new 1974 models.

Most Egged spare parts are made in Israel

MORE than half the spare parts needed to maintain Egged's fleet of buses are "made in Israel," an Egged spokesman said yesterday. He said that about IL78m. annually in spare parts. Of this amount it is able to buy IL40m. worth from local manufacturers, Mr. Yosef Harari, of the Egged executive said last week. He was speaking at a party at the Accadia Hotel, given by the Association of Spare Parts Manufacturers, to Mr. Hayim Lichtenstein, for many years the co-operatives spare parts buyer.

Mr. Harari told the 70 assembled manufacturers that Mr. Lichtenstein, an Egged founder, had contributed greatly to the development of the spare parts industry in Israel.

Car importers and services garages will have to display lists showing the price of major repair jobs and the spare parts they involve. This was decided at a meeting of Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi and senior Ministry officials in Jerusalem last week. It was not announced when the new relations will go into effect.

It was also decided to investigate the feasibility of forcing repair shops to list on customers' bills the serial numbers of new spare parts they install. The new parts may also have to be marked with special identifying marks. The two measures would go a long way towards assuring customers they are getting

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A SUPERB CONCERT

"Meet The Soloists. From the Israel Chamber Ensemble." A programme of chamber music played by Itzhak Scharfman, violin; Gad Leventhal, viola; Naotaka Nishida, flute; Eli Heifetz, clarinet; Simeon Westbrook, bassoon; and Ruth Meese, harpichord and piano. Tel Aviv Museum, February 6. Each: Sonata for Flute and Harpichord in G minor; Mozart: Trio for Clarinet, Viola and Piano in E-flat major, K. 287; Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 6 for Flute and Bassoon; Debussy: Sonata for Violin and Piano; Bartok: "Contrasts" for Violin, Clarinet and Piano.



THIS concert was an outstanding success, not only because all the items were jewels and most of the readings were perfect, but because performers and audience were pleasantly relaxed. The musicians seemed to have come not only to do their duty, but to give delight in their achievements. The programme was arranged cleverly, offering a good deal of variation.

The Chamber Ensemble can be proud of these six soloists, each capable of such laudable achievements.

Although this was a concert of chamber music and all readings were the result of teamwork, some of the participants deserve special mention. Naotaka Nishida, a Japanese flutist, is a fascinating musician who plays with a rare combination of concentration, composure and musical imagination. The Bach Sonata, accompanied flawlessly by Ruth Meese, was truly outstanding.

Another surprise was bassoon player Simeon Westbrook, who revealed a marvelous tone and most intelligent musical thinking. In Villa-Lobos' Bachianas Brasileiras No. 6, he and Nishida achieved an unusual blending of sound and the work was given an exciting reading.

A third musician who must be mentioned is Eli Heifetz. I had not heard him as a soloist for a few years and it was a pleasure to notice how much his musical thinking has deepened. In short — an hour and a half of inspired music-making. BENJAMIN BAR-AN

operatic phrases and a "hangover" from the Concerto Grosso form in the soloistic employment of the various instruments. Mr. Simon again displayed his fresh musicality and total commitment.

Argentinian guitarist Ernesto Bitetti used a microphone very discreetly to stand up against the orchestral sound and, mercifully, the loudspeaker was kept low so that the character of the guitar was not distorted. The young soloist gave a splendid display of his technical resources and musical abilities in solo passages and in dialogue with the orchestra. The two works, written about the same time (1939) but demanding different approaches, received dedicated and convincing interpretations.

Castellano-Tedesco's Concerto is rather lightweight, but is entertaining in its pleasant melodiousness; Rodrigo's work is, of course, Spanish-conditioned, and goes more into depth to create its atmosphere, which leaves a distinct impression on the listener. Cooperation was good, and a few clouded moments between soloist and orchestra passed quickly.

Ernesto Bitetti was warmly received, and expressed his thanks with a lovely piece by Hector Villa-Lobos. Regrettably, the artist was booled for only one solo recital, and this in Tel Aviv, of course. We hope to hear him again soon. YOHANAN BOEHM

Kibbutz Artzi Choir

MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY — The Kibbutz Artzi Choir, directed by Maya Shavit and Arie Doron, the Hebrew University and Academy Choir, directed by Stanley Sperber and Tami Reibman (Yisroel Auditorium — February 6). Orlande di Lassus, Jacques Arcadelt, Jacques Mouton, Mozart, S. Shneur, Negro spirituals, — Mozart, Protopetrus, Ben-Haim, Perle, R. Thompson.

The Kibbutz Artzi Choir is an experienced group and its 40 singers and their conductors are dedicated. Performances are balanced between old music and new.

The sound and quality of the choir could be fuller and richer, though precision and intonation are satisfactory. It is more lyrical under Maya Shavit, stronger and virile when Arie Doron is conducting.

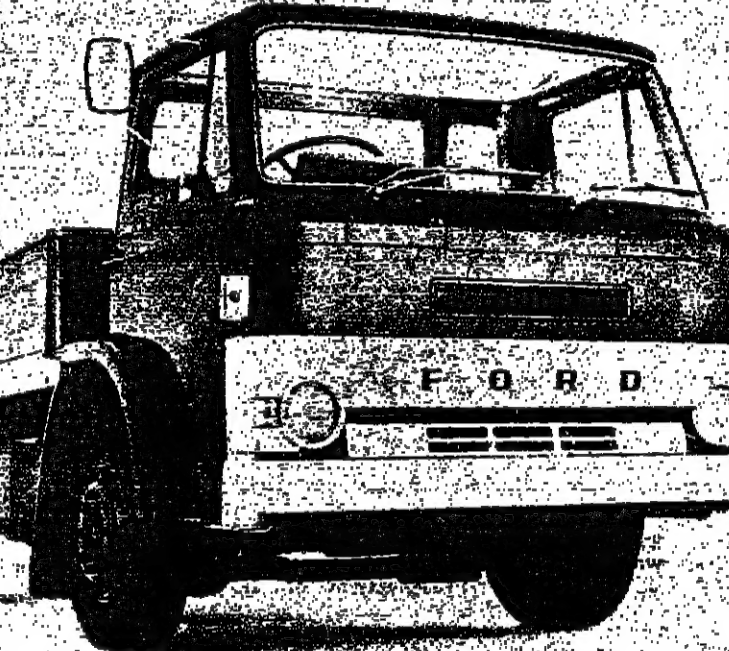
Contrasting with the more tradition-bound and stricter training of the Kibbutz Artzi Choir, Stanley Sperber's students' choir lacks proper training and discipline but the 30 singers evidently enjoy singing for its own sake. Sound is not very polished or balanced, there is hardly any attempt at achieving a more artistic performance, and some pieces are definitely under-rehearsed. But it is nice to see so many youngsters singing and enjoying themselves, which is what counts in the end. On the other hand, some training (voice production, breathing exercises, etc.) would not hurt them. YOHANAN BOEHM

Young American conductor

The Israel Chamber Ensemble, Stephen Simon, conductor; Ernesto Bitetti, guitar; The Jerusalem Theatre, February 6. Handel: Overture and Dance from "Ariodante"; Castellano-Tedesco: Guitar Concerto; Haydn: Symphony No. 7 ("Le Nisi"); Rodrigo: Guitar Concerto "Aria."

YOUNG Stephen Simon, from the U.S., conducted the ensemble with verve and infectious energy, and his enthusiasm inspired the musicians to bright sound and lively performance. The playing of Handel's Overture and Dance Suite was marked by polished balance and well-rounded phrasing; if the series of movements seemed a bit too extended towards the end, this was surely not the fault of the conductor or orchestra.

In the Haydn symphony, too, there was much fine music-making especially from the concertante (not named in the programme) — the first and second violinists, and the excellent cellist and, would add, the flute and oboe. The group contributed fine solo and ensemble playing. The symphony, one of the earliest of the species, contains a rather queer mixture of



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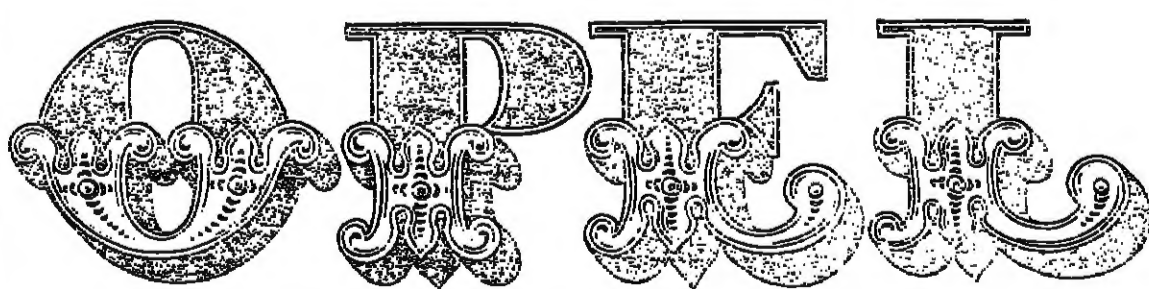
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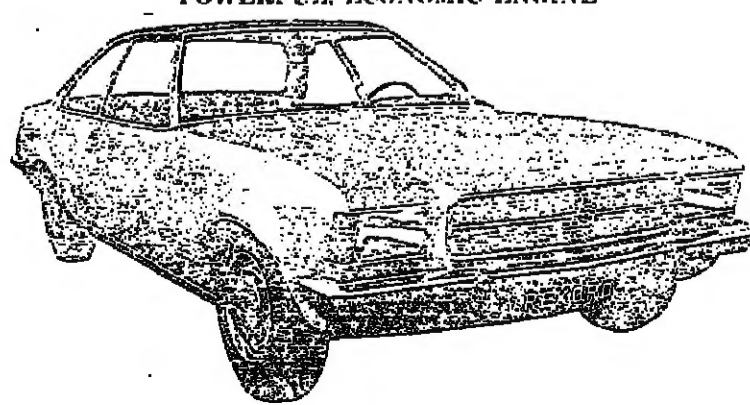
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Two boys are charged in fatal Paris school fire

PARIS. — A judge charged two 14-year-old boys yesterday with starting a fire in their school here which killed 22 schoolmates and a teacher. They could be sentenced to 10 to 20 years' imprisonment.

Five other boys are being questioned, police said, but no decision on charges has yet been made.

Police said the principal investigator had been reprimanded at the school several times for unruly conduct, and they quoted him as saying to his friends: "If that's the way things are, I'm going to set the school on fire."

Judge Jean Sablayrolles formally charged the two boys with "voluntary arson resulting in death." The judge said the boys' names were not to be released. They are being detained in an observation centre.

The school, on Rue Edouard Belin, in a working class district of Paris, burst into flames last Tuesday night, trapping children and a teacher who were taking an out-of-school music class.

The blaze caused a public outcry and charges of poor construction. Most of the building was made of light, prefabricated material.

Police said they became suspicious when they questioned pupils and noticed some were nervous and others seemed to be covering up.

A boy then told investigators: "One of my friends started the fire." Police said their inquiries revealed that the seven boys went to the school to see a movie "Alexander the Great" given at the school.

After the performance, one boy broke a downstairs window and splashed flammable spirit on chairs and walls while his friend stood at the door. The boy struck a match, then fled.

Police said the two boys did not apparently realize that the music pupils were in the school.

The five still being questioned knew what their comrades were doing but did not take part and said nothing to the police.

Education Minister Joseph Fontanet said yesterday "some obscure points" remained to be cleared up and the inquiry would be pursued. (Reuters, UPI)

Fire guts 400 houses in Thailand

BANGKOK (UPI). — A fire razed about 400 shops and houses and left 2,000 to 3,000 persons homeless on Saturday in the provincial town of Sakon Nakhon, 560 kms. north-east of Bangkok, police said yesterday. No deaths or injuries were reported.

The blaze started from a radio shop owned by a Vietnamese refugee, and spread quickly down the street destroying three small hotels, two bank offices and a theatre in the process, police said.

CHINESE SLIP QUIETLY INTO MALTA

VALLETTA (Gemin). —

THE Chinese are coming to Malta, unostentatiously, in dribs and drabs and without any publicity, but welcome guests of the Government of Prime Minister Dom Mintoff. More are coming this month until an estimated 300 will be on this island. They are coming to help the Maltese Government in its quest to make the island economically viable and independent from the need of income from the lease of military bases.

Among them will be engineers and technicians who will help the Maltese Government build a dry-dock and quay capable of accommodating ships of 300,000 tons deadweight, a chocolate factory and a factory to make ornamental and artistic glass. The projects will be financed from the £16.5m. interest-free loan China agreed to make available to Malta during Mintoff's visit to Peking 10 months ago.

The friendship between little Malta and the Communist giant of the East owes its beginnings to the dispute over the lease of Maltese bases to Britain in December, 1971. Mintoff had demanded from Britain and Nato £15m. a year for the bases. Britain refused to pay, but Nato, particularly Italy, feared that Malta would fall easy prey to the Soviet Union which has for long cast covetous eyes over the island, its sheltered harbours and airfields.

When an agreement was signed after three months of tortuous negotiations it was stipulated that the bases and other facilities would be handed to all members of the Warsaw Pact. China was never mentioned. Nobody imagined that anything like the agreement which followed a month later was possible. China was too far away to matter.

But she got there first. Hardly had the ink dried on the defence agreement at which Mintoff settled for an annual £14m. for seven years than Mintoff was off to Peking to meet Premier Chou En-lai. He spent a week there, cheered by thousands of school children with little Maltese and Chinese flags, fêted by Chou and taken round the country while Malta and to some extent Britain and Nato waited and wondered what the visit was all about.

A month later, on April 26, 1972, Mintoff told a hushed House of Representatives, in which he has a one-seat majority, that China had agreed to lend Malta the £16.5m. interest-free, the agreement to become effective on May 1, 1972. The repayment is to be effected between May 1, 1984 and April 30, 1994. Only £1,693,000 is to be given in cash. The rest will be in the form of development projects provided by the Chinese Government, including the necessary equipment and technical assistance and the financing of the necessary local costs. Malta is to pay back not in cash but with commodities. A grateful Mintoff offered China four flour mills worth £61,000 when new.

Since then, the Chinese have not been much in evidence. They have sent a permanent ambassador, but he and his staff keep themselves very much to themselves.

The technicians and engineers though, will be very much in the public eye when the actual work begins. The dock they are to build will be one of the largest in the Mediterranean and is intended for some of the largest tankers loading oil from the nearby Libyan oilfields. Several observers doubt the value of such a large dock and quay, noting that not many ships of that size ply the Mediterranean. But it will certainly improve the chances of Malta dry-docks to make good.

The dockyard is about the only place where the Mintoff magic appears to have failed. In 18 months he has channelled £1m. to wipe off the debts which accumulated through losses as a result of almost continuous industrial actions in the past. He terminated the management of a British shipbuilding firm and put members of the General Workers Union hierarchy among the top management. Even so the dockyard will be about £2.5m. in the red at the end of the current financial year.

The other Chinese projects—chocolate factory and glass factory—have failed to rouse much enthusiasm. There is already a small glass factory on the island and unless there is a ready export market there is hardly room for two. The chocolate factory is expected to employ quite a number of people, but here again there is hardly enough export outlet for such a product.

It has been pointed out to the Government that the Chinese are agricultural experts, and that their assistance should have been channelled there. Malta produces only enough food for three months, but so many areas are crying for development that it is thought Malta could drastically cut its imports bill if they were put under cultivation.

Grivas offer on 'cease-fire'

NICOSIA (AP). — General George Grivas has temporarily and conditionally suspended his underground military operations against Cyprus President Archbishop Makarios, sources close to the general said here yesterday.

The "cease-fire" will depend on whether the Archbishop, who has just been re-elected president for another five-year term, will seek an understanding with the general, the sources added.

Grivas will "hold his forces ready," however, if Makarios accepts a settlement of the Cyprus problem which does not provide for enosis—union with Greece—the sources said.



Two of the nearly 200,000 metalworkers who gathered in Rome on Friday to demand higher pay and long-sought social reforms. The two used cartoons to disguise themselves as robots. One here declares "Agacchi (chairman of Fiat) wants us like this" and the other says "I'm not an absenteeist."

Skull is Bormann's, says Berlin doctor

BERLIN (UPI). — Dr. Heinz Spengler, director of the West Berlin Institute for Forensic Medicine, said this weekend that a skeleton found here two months ago has been identified with "absolute certainty" as that of Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's "missing" deputy.

"There is no doubt it is Bormann," he said. "We have proved it beyond a shadow of doubt."

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THE REMARKABLE LIZA MINNELLI

Cabaret (Peor, Tel Aviv), the new musical which opened on Thursday night with a special benefit show for the Israel Cancer Association, is grand entertainment, due mainly to the remarkable performance of Liza Minnelli. Whether singing, dancing or acting, she absolutely rivets attention. At times she seems like a reincarnation of her mother, Judy Garland, especially when belting out a song. But she has her own individual personality, real magnetism, great charm and a funny face that is appealing.

As Sally Bowles, entertainer in a second-class cabaret in the Berlin of the early 'thirties, Liza Minnelli's enormous eyes are fringed by a forest of lashes and her nails are lacquered green. The character Sally is a mixture of a lost waif always dreaming of stardom and a knowing little go-getter with a messy sex life. She is disarming and lovable.

The film is based on the stage musical by Joe Masterhoff (music by John Kander) which was based on the play "I Am a Camera" by John van Druten. Van Druten's work was adapted from Christopher Isherwood's novel, "Goodbye to Berlin." The film divides itself between the drama of the relationship between Sally and Brian, a young Englishman who lives in the same boarding-house (very well played by Michael York), and a German aristocrat (Graham Greene), giving a good performance, and the drama of nightclub life, with the cabaret scenes acting as a sort of commentary on the other action. At the same time the growing Nazi menace is felt in the background.

The plotting of the story is rather rambling. The introduction of a romance between Sally (Liza Minnelli), one of Brian's pupils, and a wealthy young Jewess (Maggie Keswick) culminating in a Jewish wedding ceremony, detracts rather than adds to the story development. Joel Grey, co-starring with Liza Minnelli, is very good in his larger-than-life performance as the cabaret's master of ceremonies, a role he played in the stage version.

This is director Bob Fosse's second film (the first was "Sweet Charity") and it is an adult and stylish film which gives the drama-goo a most enjoyable evening. S.W.

ALL ABOUT SEX

Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex But Were Afraid To Ask (Mogral, Tel Aviv), shows the many-sided talents of Woody Allen, who directs and stars in this off-beat satirical comedy. He also wrote the screenplay, based on Dr.



At the Cinema

David Reuben's best-seller of the same name. This highly sophisticated film shows great originality and ranges in style from slapstick to black comedy. But it will not be to everyone's liking. Some viewers will consider the piece in doubtful taste at times, with its extremely frank (if unorthodox) approach to various aspects of sex—even those generally considered taboo in the cinema. Two of the movie's half-hour episodes are dealt with in a most scientific fashion.

Woody Allen's dazzling comic talents, tinged with the bizarre, are seen in all but one of these episodes. Taken as a whole, his work in this film is certainly a tour de force, even if his ideas do not always come off. Rather wasted in small parts are Tony Randall, Lynn Redgrave, Anthony Quinn and John Carradine.



Liza Minnelli

Thais deny Moslems are being suppressed

BANGKOK (Reuters). — The Thai Government has denied charges published in a Saudi Arabian journal that suppression of the Moslem population in southern Thailand had provoked them to rebellion.

An official statement broadcast over Radio Thailand Saturday night dismissed the charges in an Arabic language journal, "Islam World," as a "gross distortion of facts."

The radio said unrest among the Moslems in the southern provinces was caused by the drop in the price of rubber, on which they depended for their living, and by the criminal activities of bandit groups.

The bandits, who kidnapped innocent people and extorted protection money from them, were exploiting the difference of their religion from the majority Buddhists in the country, the radio added.

More than 700 armed Moslem

guerrillas, described as bandits by Thai officials, call themselves the "National Liberation Front of Patani Republic." They are fighting for secession of southern provinces, populated by nearly one million Moslems, from the rest of Thailand.

Saturday's radio announcement stressed that the Thai Government had used only the police and not military forces in suppressing the bandits.

"The government recognizes the southern problems and has laid down plans for development of Patani, Yala and Narathiwat provinces to raise them to the same economic level as in other provinces," the announcement said.

The radio said the government supported and protected the Moslem religion although Buddhism is the state religion and added that "no attempts had been made to suppress other religions in Thailand."

The violence increases in Los Angeles

1,000 MURDERS A YEAR

By CHARLES FOLEY

LOS ANGELES (Ofn). —

THE upward curve of violence in Los Angeles revealed by newly-released figures for 1972 is bringing civic leaders, police chiefs and schoolteachers together in a new effort to deal with the crime problems of this smoggy, mixed-up metropolis. The homicide rate in Los Angeles County—a racial mixture of seven million people, often described as 40 suburbs in search of a city—has surpassed the previous year's figures by almost 20 per cent.

Some 1,000 murders have been committed here in the past 12 months, many of them, says County Coroner Thomas Noguchi, "just senseless, merciless, vicious crimes, often against young people. A stranger walking down the street kills someone for no apparent reason. It happens like a bolt of lightning."

Rape, robbery, schoolyard terrorism—all the statistics are rising in a wave of violence that is making law and order a major issue in this year's mayoral elections. Most of the experts have a pet reason for the increase: the social psychologists point to poverty, unemployment and lack of hope as the root cause of crime. Others say television has helped by fostering an atmosphere of violence in news and pictures of the latest horror which are flashed in moments into tens of millions of homes. Coverage of the Vietnam war has also "desensitized" people to atrocity, they say, and created a climate of jaded indifference and bloodshed.

Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis puts the sinner on California's probation subsidy programme, which is designed to keep convicts

out of prison by giving a \$4,000 subsidy to county administrations who avoid sending men to state prisons. The idea is to take the heavy financial burden of incarceration off the state. To get the money a county may either keep a convicted man in its own small local jail or put him on probation. Most choose probation.

"I call it blood money," says Mr. Davis, who accuses the state of "putting violent felons on the street" by offering these monetary incentives. Even when no subsidy is involved, the police chief blames lenient judges and probation officers for the crime rise. His officers are filled with "a sense of total frustration" at having to handle the same offenders over and over again.

The black ghettos of south and central Los Angeles are worst hit by a new wave of gang violence and classroom mayhem. Mr. Sidney Thompson, principal of Crenshaw High School, says this issue is no longer learning but survival. His school has been labelled "Fort Crenshaw" because it has been enclosed by high steel fences with locked gates. Armed guards patrol inside.

Teachers cite an endless series of futile acts of violence. A boy of 17, stabbed to death in San Francisco because he laughed at a classmate who lost a game of dominoes. Eight-year-olds robbed of their lunch money at knife point. An honour student fatally stabbed by a gang in Los Angeles whose chief occupation is stealing leather jackets. In one month Los Angeles officials and school guards gathered more than 40 guns from students; an end-of-term school parade turned into a shootout that

left five students, including the girl leader of the parade, wounded.

There are a score of gangs in the ghetto areas, with names like the Crips, the Bounty Hunters, the Exterminators, the Acey Duceys, all warring with each other and often within themselves. Sociologists say they fall into three classes: social gangs of tough neighbourhood kids, hanging together because they live near one another; delinquent gangs, which exist only to rob; and the violent ones, who get an emotional kick and a release from frustration out of terrorizing others.

The situation is little different in other cities around the country. New York is notorious for youth gang violence; but Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco all report similar problems. In Miami alone, during 1972, there were nearly 1,000 assaults on students and teachers.

Police action, everyone agrees, can be only a short-term answer. There must be a greater civic effort to channel the energies of the gangs in positive directions, says Mr. Celes King, chairman of the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission. Attempts to do this are being made by a variety of organizations, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP), Operation Breadbasket, the Urban League and many more.

But their efforts are a drop in the bucket for a city that has abandoned most of the educational and recreational programmes started after the Watts riots of 1965, and now has a black unemployment rate for non-school-going teenagers of 52 per cent.

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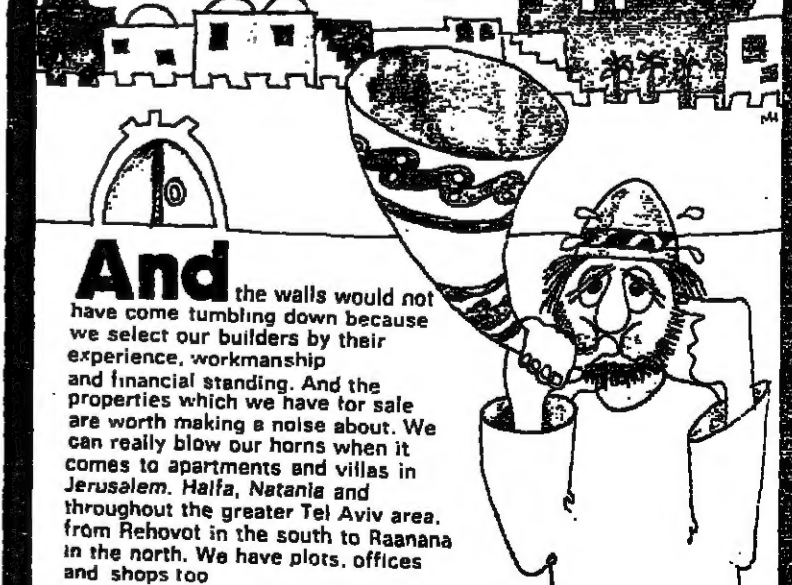
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